

LAWN TO GARDEN CONVERSION REBATE

City of Fresno will pay customers \$0.50 per square foot for turf removed and replaced with water-efficient landscape
500 square feet maximum



Reduce Water Use Outdoors

Save Water and Money by removing live turf on your property and replacing it with Water-efficient landscaping. City of Fresno will pay customers \$0.50 per square foot to remove turf - up to 500 square feet of irrigated turf (500 square feet maximum, 50 square feet minimum). Turf grass is commonly planted in home and commercial landscapes, and it consumes large amounts of water. It is often planted in underutilized areas. Most customers find that they can replace some or all of the turf in their landscape without reducing enjoyment of the property. Water-efficient landscapes can use up to 50% less water. The amount saved depends on amount of turf removed, type of plants installed, irrigation system, and soil type. A water-efficient landscape uses less water and does not require expensive maintenance.

Free City of Fresno Water-wise Landscape Consultation

We recommend that prior to removing the turf in your yard, that you request a Free Water-wise Landscape Consultation by the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program. Consultations are by appointment only. The service includes recommendations for water-wise plants suitable for the Fresno area, irrigation installation, and turf removal. The value of conversion by stages is also explained.



APPLICATIONS: City of Fresno Water Conservation Program: 621-5480;
email: waterconservation@fresno.gov or click on \$Rebates at www.fresno.gov/water

Rebate Process

1. Do not begin removing your turf until you have read and verify that you meet the rebate criteria listed in *Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions*.
2. Take required preliminary photos, measurements, and submit application along with your recent Fresno City utility bill.
3. City will approve/deny the preliminary application and notify you via phone or email. If approved the start date for the 120 days for the renovation is the date you receive approval.
4. Remove turf, install eligible water-efficient landscape, make appropriate irrigation changes, and then take required photos of finished landscape.
5. Within 120 days of start date, mail or email finished landscape photos. Photos must have applicant's name and address so they can be tied to the application on file at the Water Conservation office.
6. You will be notified if an onsite inspection is required.

IMPORTANT

Eligible water-efficient replacement landscaping: drought-tolerant plants appropriate for this area, mulch, rock, un-grouted stepping stones, permeable hardscape, artificial turf.

Lawn to Garden Rebate Guidelines and Conditions

Requirements

- *City of Fresno recommends that you take advantage of the Fresno Water Conservation Free Water-wise Landscape Consultation prior turf removal. We can also help answer rebate application questions at that time.*
- The purpose of this incentive is to reduce water use. Grass must have some life and cover the proposed project area.
- What does not qualify: projects that have been started or completed prior to City of Fresno review of application, installation of vegetable gardens where grass once was, water features and fountains, high water use and invasive plants, weeds, dead or brown non-irrigated grass.
- Submit the requested information on application along with: at least 3 clear, color, dated photos of the areas where you plan to remove turf (front yard, side yard, back yard, etc.), a drawing with measurements of the turf area to be removed. Also indicate irrigation changes. Photos must include your home, street or fence as reference point. Drawing must include landmarks such as sidewalks, fences, driveways, etc. Free printable graph templates available online: <http://www.printablepaper.net/category/graph>.
- City will approve/deny the preliminary application and notify you via phone or email. If approved the start date for the 120 days for the renovation is the date you receive approval.
- Install a new landscape that meets the terms and conditions for the City of Fresno. **Only the following are eligible water-efficient replacement landscaping: drought-tolerant plants appropriate for this area, mulch, rock, un-grouted stepping stones, permeable hardscape, artificial turf.**
- When your project is complete, submit any required information along with: at least 3 clear, color, dated photos of each area where turf was removed and replacement landscaping installed. Also show irrigation.
- You will be notified if an inspection is required.
- This rebate is effective 5/1/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.
- All projects must be completed within 120 days of City-designated start (review approval) date.

Who Qualifies:

- Limit one rebate per qualified account as defined below.
- Rebate available to City of Fresno water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Fresno Water Division where a tenant is the water customer. Customers on a shared billing account qualify as individual units. Multi-family, commercial, institutional and industrial customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system qualify.
- Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager.
- New construction does not qualify.

Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Final rebate cannot be larger than your rebate amount, even if you remove additional square footage. It is important that you estimate and measure your project area correctly.
- Turf removal and water-efficient landscaping must be installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Fresno water utility bill account. Turf may not be reinstalled while you maintain ownership of the property. If turf is reinstalled during that time, the entire rebate must be refunded.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be denied and returned.
- By submitting this application you are agreeing to a verification inspection to be eligible for rebate.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the Guidelines and Conditions.
- Accounts must be current and non-delinquent.
- Program applies to turf removed after 5/1/15. Retroactive rebates are not available.

Rebates:

- Rebate amount \$0.50 per square foot grass replaced with water-efficient landscaping - - up to 500 square feet. 50 square feet minimum. Minimum rebate \$25; Maximum rebate \$250.
- Rebate amounts do not apply to labor or other costs. Rebate may not exceed the cost of the rebate offer.
- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources. *This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.*
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the products used or the vendor is provided.
- Rebate checks will be mailed 8-9 weeks after completing the rebate process.

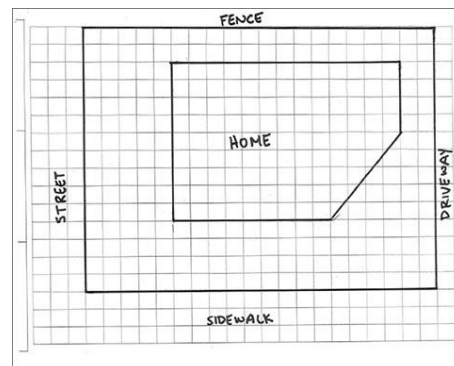
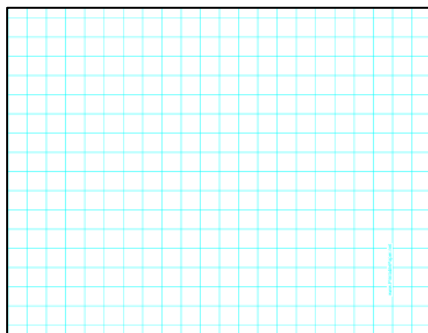
Measuring your lawn area for rebate

- Make a drawing of your home and borders of yard. Write in descriptions of areas near turf to help orient yourself.
- Divide the project area into easily measured shapes.
- Take measurements to find square footage of each shape for total square footage.
- Add those calculated areas to your drawing.
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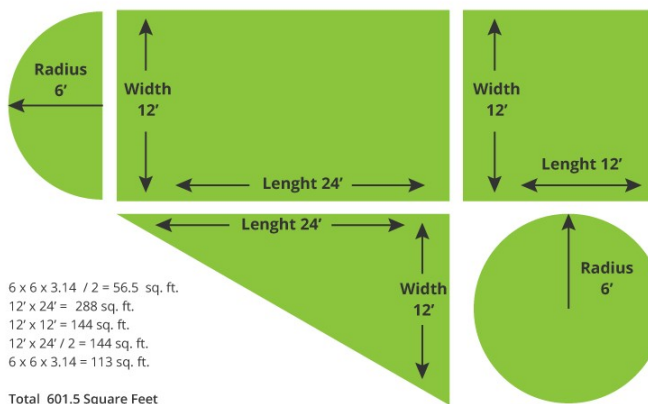
There are many online area calculator tools that will calculate the square footage of common shapers after you enter the required measurements. One example: <http://www.mathsisfun.com/area-calculation-tool.html>. You can also watch demonstrations online on how to measure your lawn at the *YouTube* site.

Graph paper works well for drawings. Free printable graph templates are available online: <http://www.printablepaper.net/category/graph>

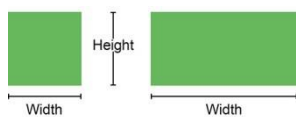
Start by drawing landmarks on your site.



Calculate the lawn area to be removed on your site and put into your drawing.
City of Fresno's rebate is for 500 square feet maximum and 50 square feet minimum.

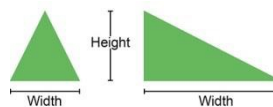


Calculation examples



Square or Rectangle

Height multiplied by Width = Square Footage



Triangle

Height multiplied by Width and divided by 2 = Square Footage



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Mail to: City of Fresno, Water conservation, Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate, 1910 E University, Fresno, CA 93703.
Phone: (559) 621-5480 – fax (559) 498-4228, Email: waterconservation@fresno.gov, Website: www.fresno.gov/water

Date _____

Account Information	Please print clearly
	Fresno City Utility Billing Account # _____
	Note: Copy of most recent City of Fresno Utility Bill must be included with this application.

Account Name _____

Account Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Attention: Renters and Tenants: Participation requires written approval from property owner and/or property manager.
Letter must be attached to application when submitted.

Property Owner (if different from above) _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone (1) _____ (2) _____ E-mail _____

Building Information (Installation Address)	Building Type (X Select):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family home <input type="checkbox"/> PUD <input type="checkbox"/> Condo <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home <input type="checkbox"/> HOA Shared billing account <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Apt/Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional

Number of: People in selected unit _____ Selected unit # (if applies) _____ Site Name (if applies) _____

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Start Date _____ Completion Date _____ Location: Front _____ Back _____ Side _____ Other _____

Square feet of turf to remove _____ Type of turf to remove _____

Eligible Replacement (check as many as apply): ☐ Drought-tolerant plants ☐ Mulch ☐ Rock ☐ Un-grouted stepping stones ☐ Permeable hardscape ☐ Artificial turf.

Average gallons of water used for year prior to application year: _____

Rebate: _____ square feet @ \$0.50 per square foot \$ _____

Rebate Information

How did you learn about this rebate? _____

Would you have removed turf at this time if this rebate was not being offered? Yes___ No___

Inspection and Documentation**DOCUMENTATION:**

- Application must be approved prior to rebate. Incomplete applications will be denied and returned.
- Photos and measurements must accompany application..
- Compliance with Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate on Guidelines and Requirements is required.
- An on-site inspection at the address shown on the City of Fresno utility bill may be required.

Agreement of Terms and Conditions

City of Fresno may deny any application that does not meet program requirements. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Lawn to Garden Conversion Rebate. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time without prior notice. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Complete, sign, and date this page. Incomplete applications
will be denied and returned.

TRACKING # _____

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Application: Approved ___ Denied ___ Reviewed by _____ Approval Date _____ Contacted by _____

Reason for Denial _____

Final Approved by: _____ Comments: _____

Square feet of turf removed _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Date to Accounting _____ Amount of Rebate: _____

ACCOUNTING: Rebate Check sent : Date _____ By _____ Voucher No. _____